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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION: U.S. Serial No. 09/518,165

TITLE: METHOD FOR DETECTING
THE PRESENCE OF TARGET
BACTERIA OR A TARGET
COMPONENT
CARBOHYDRATE ANTIGEN
THEREOF

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Applicants hereby request that the above – identified application be given continued examination as provided for in 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, by withdrawal of the finality of the action responded to herewith and affording further examination in light of the herewith filed amendment and response to the action mailed June 3, 2002.

A check to cover the small entity continued examination fee in the amount of \$370.00 is transmitted herewith.

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